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**From:** Loop, Travis  
**Sent:** Wed 9/2/2015 4:19:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: monitoring update

Here are the very brief talking points Tom Wall will use at the opening of the call before launching into substance:

As EPA Administrator McCarthy has said, this is a tragic and unfortunate incident, and EPA is taking responsibility to ensure that it is cleaned up. EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the spill. Today is part of that effort.

Good to know that Tim is contact for web updates.

What about timing for release tomorrow – is 10 am Mountain good?

Thanks.

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**From:** Germann, Sandy  
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Travis, Paula Smith said Tim Davis in R8 could post the docs on the website.

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Just concluded our call with OW and the Regions. Here is the debrief with next steps and questions:

Stakeholder call at 2pm today. We have an agenda that features an introduction by Tom Wall of OW, background on response activities by Chris Ruhl of EOC in Durango, overview of the draft monitoring plan by Bert Garcia of R8, discussion of assessing spill impacts by Sandy Spence of R8, next steps by Tom Wall of OW. During the call the stakeholders will be told of our intent to release the draft monitoring plan tomorrow (Sept 3) and the deadline for comments (Sept 11). We are preparing answers for likely questions during the call.

Complete draft of Monitoring Plan. To complete the draft of the monitoring plan, comments have been requested by 3pm today. The idea is to have any edits/issues resolved before tomorrow. Apparently all involved AAs and Regions have okayed the plan except for OSWER. An email address will be added to the draft plan for comments to be submitted. A PDF of the plan will be created.

Announcement of Monitoring Plan. Folks strongly believe we should release the monitoring plan as early in the day tomorrow as possible given the holiday weekend. We would like this to occur at 10 or 11am Mountain Time. This would include posting on the website, email to stakeholders, and press release. I will be converting the desk statement to a press release today.

## NEEDS

- high-level talking points that Tom Wall can briefly use during the opening.
- confirmation from OPA that we can release Monitoring Plan at 10 am Mountain tomorrow (Sept 3).
- contact for posting the info and plan PDF on the webpage.

Comments and questions?

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Also looping in Carolyn levine

**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
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Thanks – looping in Jonathan Asher who will be point for congressional and jack bowles for state/local.

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**From:** Allen, Laura  
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**To:** Loop, Travis; Grantham, Nancy; Germann, Sandy  
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa  
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Thanks- I believe EOC is working on some general status messaging so hopefully it will be in a good place before 2pm. I will circle back with you

**From:** Loop, Travis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2015 9:48 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Allen, Laura; Germann, Sandy  
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There is a 10am call to prep for the stakeholder call later today. I'm going to the EOC to participate. I will be focused on the messaging and logistics for the stakeholder call, and the messaging and roll out of monitoring plan.

Do we have top level talking points on the GKM overall so our 2pm speaker has them in his pocket?

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